

SENATE RESOLUTION 2

By Ford J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alberta Francis Smith of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alberta Francis Smith, who lived a meaningful existence for almost 102 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was an exemplary Christian and human being who, through her faith, worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, before marrying and becoming a dedicated homemaker, Alberta Smith attended Howe Institute and went on to serve as a teacher and principal in the Arkansas School System; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Smith was an active and devout member of the Eastern Star Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a member, Director of the Senior Choir for over forty years, Sunday School teacher, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Director of Vacation Bible School, member of The Baptist Training Union and craft class; Mrs. Smith was also the founding member of the sixty-year-old Memphis District Association of Baptist Churches where she taught classes on the city, state, and national Congress, and she was

wholly devoted to the National Baptist Convention- Baptist Minister's Wives and Widows Guild;
and

WHEREAS, Alberta Smith was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Smith enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, the Reverend W.M. Fields, Sr., who has passed on to his great reward, and she was the proud parent of the Reverend W.M. Fields, Jr., who has passed on to his great reward, and his wife, Rose Fields, and Mrs. Thelma Fields Howse and her husband, Dr. Robert J. Howse; she was the grandmother of Natasha Darcel Fields, ReTonya Tyree Howse, and Zynthia Tynice Howse-Britt and her husband Derrick Britt; she was the exemplary great-grandmother of Lauren Simone Mead and Richard Julian Mead, and she was the Godmother of the Reverend Dr. Abraham Campbell of Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Alberta Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and leadership in her model Christian life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Alberta Francis Smith, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined Christian life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Alberta Francis Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.